

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph to the specification below the title and above the heading “Technical Field”:

This application is a U.S. national stage application claiming priority to International Application No. PCT/JP03/16879, filed on December 26, 2003, which claims foreign priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-005319, filed on January 14, 2003, which incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, lines 5-9 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The windows 22 to 30 are provided at positions corresponding to a plurality of sensors provided under the base plate 12. These plurality of sensors are mounted on a sensor mounting plate 32, which is attached to the underside of the ~~guide~~ base plate 12. Also in the rail 18, three windows 34, 36, and 38 are provided at positions corresponding to the windows 22, 28, and 30.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 44, line 23 and ending on page 45, line 2 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The code reading sensors 178 to 188 are arranged at appropriate intervals, at equal intervals in Figure 19, along the long side guide 154. Windows ~~182 to 192~~ 190 to 200 for the sensors are also provided on the base plate 152, corresponding to the code reading sensors 178 to 188.